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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT FROM PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF PRESIDENT

REF: DACCA 5391

1. CHASHI TELEPHONED ME AT 1215 TO GIVE ME A NEW STATUS REPORT AND TO TRY TO ELICIT SOME FORM OF ASSURANCE WITH RESPECT TO ANY EXTERNAL THREAT TO BANGLADESH.

2. CHASHI SAID THAT THINGS WERE NOW SETTLING DOWN AND THAT THEY HAD A VERY STRONG EXPECTATION THAT THERE WOULD BE CONTINUITY IN THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE PRESENT PRESIDENT, CHIEF JUSTICE A.M. SAYEM, REMAINING IN OFFICE. HE SAID PRESIDENT SAYEM WILL CONTINUE WITH THE STRONG BACKING OF ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING FORMER PRESIDENT MOSHTAQUE AHMED AND MAJOR GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN. THIS MEANT, HE SAID, THAT THERE WAS NO SPLIT WITHIN THE POLITICAL OR MILITARY HERE AND THEY HOPED THAT THIS WOULD COME AS A GREAT RELIEF FOR ALL THEIR FRIENDS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN BANGLADESH'S PEACE AND STABILITY. WHILE THERE WERE VARIOUS STEPS THAT NEEDED TO BE TAKEN TO RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE, CHASHI SAID THEY WOULD WANT ASSURANCE FROM THEIR FRIENDS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NO EXTERNAL WORRY SO THAT BANGLADESH COULD ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF PEACE AND STABILITY. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT AN ASSURANCE TO THE EFFECT WOULD BE AVAILABLE, ADDING THEY WERE USING THEIR  
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FORCES TO ACHIEVE INTERNAL STABILITY BUT COULD NOT HANDLE

ANY DEVELOPMENTS FROM OUTSIDE.

3. I SAID THAT IT WAS NOT FOR ME TO COMMENT ON BANGLADESH'S INTERNAL ARRANGMENTS BUT WE CERTAINLY ENDORSED THEIR DESIRE FOR STABILITY AND PEACE IN THE AREA. I SAID I HOPED OUR RECORD ON THIS WAS CLEAR ENOUGH FOR THEM. I SAID I WOULD OF COURSE INFORM MY GOVERNMENT OF WHAT HE HAD SAID. CHASHI REPEATED THAT THEY HAD THEIR EYES FOCUSED ON SETTLING INTERNAL MATTERS AND HOPED THEIR FRIENDS WOULD HAVE THEIR EYES FOCUSED OUTSIDE, AND THAT ANY ASSURANCES WOULD REDUCE THEIR WORRIES SO THAT THEY COULD DO THE JOB AT HAND.

4. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH CHASHI'S FORMULATION WAS VAGUE, WHAT HE CLEARLY HAD IN MIND WAS AN ASSURANCE FROM US THAT WE WOULD HELP DETER INDIA FROM INTERVENING IN THE CURRENT SITUATION. WHILE HE ALSO WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE SOME EXPLICIT ASSURANCE ALONG THESE LINES, I DO NOT SEE THAT WE NEED TO GO BEYOND MY GENERALIZED ASSURANCE TO HIM.

5. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS DESIRED.  
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